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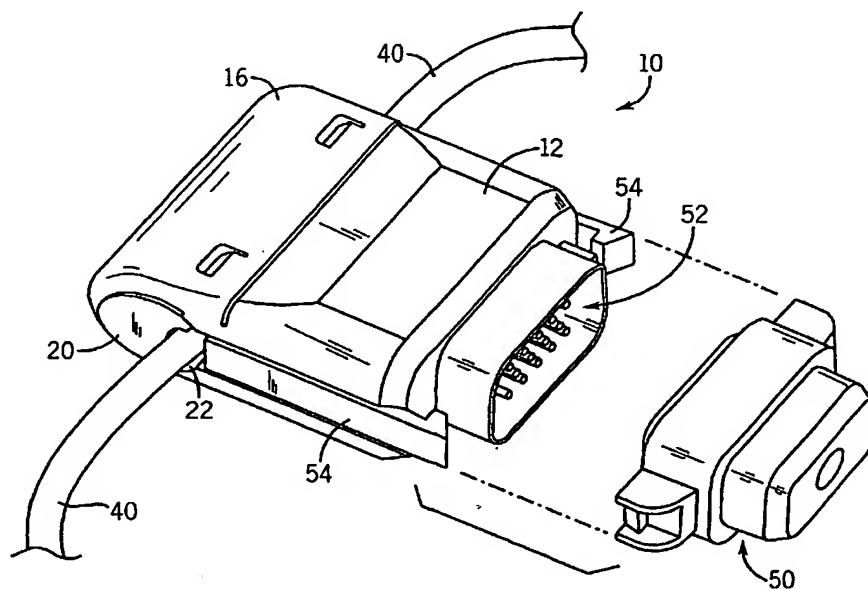
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(57) Abstract: A battery monitoring system includes a component for determining the magnitude of current flowing through a battery cable based on a magnetic field produced by the current. The component is configured to provide an output signal representative of the magnitude of current for use in characterizing the battery. A method for characterizing a battery utilizing a battery monitoring system includes inferring a magnitude of battery current based on a magnetic field generated by current flowing through a battery cable coupled to the battery. The battery monitoring system is adapted to characterize the battery utilizing at least one mathematical construct.

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